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LLOYD

GOOD afternoon and welcome to Springfield Park to David Webb and his lads who joined us in the promotion frame in May. Last season we got a point a piece in both games which showed how closely matched we were. Today we'll be looking to take all three.

I was disappointed in our performance against Stockport, but it must be remembered that six of the first team squad were unavailable for the match and Cup games are always

difficult against opposition from a lower league (ask Chelsea)! But at this stage of the competition, it's the result that counts and I'm sure all the defeated clubs would prefer to be in our position, going into the next round no matter how we got there.

On Wednesday night I played my first game for four months in the Central League match at Barnsley. Happily I came through without any serious reaction to my back problem. Hopefully after another run out in the Reserves, I will be able to consider myself for first team selection.

And finally, I'd like to make a short appeal to you. On Tuesday against Stockport, some of you were giving stick to our younger players who were perhaps not playing too well. When a crowd shouts at me it goes in one ear and out the other, but with young, inexperienced lads, it's important to keep off their backs. We have some great prospects in our teenagers. So give them a chance and give them a cheer.

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THIRD DIVISION

Round Up

by Harold Ashurst

AFTER spending a fortune on players during the close-season Sheffield United, not surprisingly, are set to unload.

They want £40,000 for striker Mike Trusson and he could possibly join nearby Chesterfield, but others are expected to go sooner or later as United bid to get back some cash.

They are willing to part with former Manchester United defender Stewart Houston, Paul Richardson and the evergreen Bob Hatton.

Exeter would like to get back their former striker Steve Neville, who is also on Ian Porterfield's "unwanted list".

Chesterfield midfielder Danny Wilson, who will always be remembered by Latics fans as the one that got away, could be moving to Middlesbrough for £175,000.

Wilson, remember was once on Latics books as a non-contract player before being snapped up by Bury on his way to his current club.

Chesterfield are pretty confident of

selling Wilson and they have already drawn up a list of players they would buy with the cash. One of them is Newcastle's Kenny Wharton.

The simmering row at Bournemouth between manager David Webb and former Blackburn striker Andy Crawford has exploded again.

Crawford, who cost the Dean Court Club £40,000 was transfer listed earlier this year following a row during the club's New Zealand tour, but he later settled his differences.

However, Crawford has been made available again at his own request after failing to gain a first team place so far this season.

First Division West Brom have made a £30,000 offer to Wrexham for goalkeeper Eddie Niedzwiecki (thank heavens for a name like Tunks) but the Welsh club have turned it down.

West Brom's current first team goalkeeper is Mark Grew, who was on loan to Latics for a short spell during their first season in the League.

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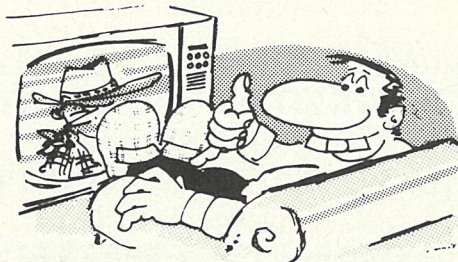
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COMING UP NEXT

Saturday, 25th September, 1982.

CHESTERFIELD -v- WIGAN ATHLETIC

Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

Tuesday, 28th September, 1982

DONCASTER ROVERS -v- WIGAN ATHLETIC

Kick-off 7.30 p.m.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

Saturday, 2nd October, 1982.

WIGAN ATHLETIC -v- PLYMOUTH ARGYLE

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FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

AWAY WITH LATICS

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A.A. ROUTE TO DONCASTER

Wigan

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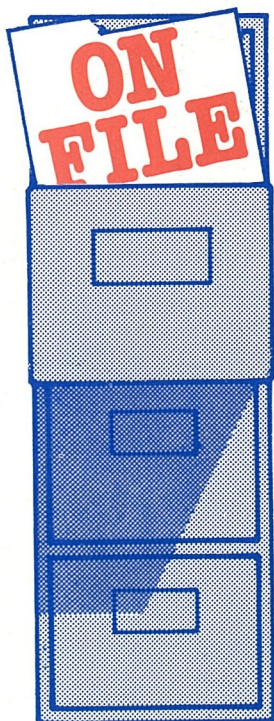
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FOR AN organisation noted for its resistance to change, the Football Association has been quite a revelation this summer, agreeing to the Football Leagues requests for rule amendments, amongst which is the new disciplinary procedure. Last season, any player reaching 21 Penalty Points was up before the Disciplinary Committee and faced possible suspension. Once he got to 31 he was up again and was in real trouble, with up to a three match suspension. Apparently these meetings were theatrical events, with players throwing themselves to the floor begging for mercy and explaining how their fouls were just a matter of timing. The Committee were not usually impressed by such demonstrations of grief and when one player explained that one particular bad tackle was just "a mistake in timing", the Committee Chairman replied, "Yes, one second later and you'd have had his leg off!" Apparently last season a certain player/manager who had reached 23 points opened his appeal by producing a box of tissues and handing them out to the Committee saying, "Gentlemen, by the time you've heard my story you'll need these to wipe the tears from your eyes". He got off with a caution. Nice one, Larry.

But now all that drama has been stopped. In future, any player accumulating 21 or more penalty points

before the last Saturday in November will automatically be suspended for three matches. If he gets them by the last Saturday in February it's a two match suspension, and one match if he gets them by the last Saturday in April. After that and until the end of the season, a 21 points total will cause him to be "censured and warned as to his future conduct". Collecting 31 points will be punishable by a further two match ban and once the magic figure of 41 is reached the unfortunate player will be called before a Disciplinary Commission, where he shall be dealt with "in such a manner as the Commission deem fit". They'll probably chop his foot off.

My comments above about the F.A. being reluctant to change is quite accurate. There is a story, repeated in a recent television play, about their use of carrier pigeons pre-1918. Seemingly they used to have agents all over the country at F.A. Cup ties who would stick the match result to the pigeons' legs and send them off to London. This practice went on for many years after the invention of the telephone, but was finally stopped when one of the journalists acting for them at a cup match merely threw the bird into the air and shouted after it, "Wolves 2, Manchester United 1". They should have used budgies! Cheers,

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But lotteries are labour intensive — they

need people to sell them, to get around their friends in the pub, or in the factory or in the office. And the results of hard work can be astounding. If just half of our supporters sold us 10 tickets a week, not only would we be paying out £750 a week in commission, but by next year we would have our covered end.

There are people who will do anything for Latics. We received over £500 in donations to pay for the plans for the roof over the town end and they've been drawn up, ready to go. But it's going to take a lot of fund raising to get it built. Just think for a moment. Could you sell a few lottery tickets every week to your mates?

If you can't, will you buy a couple every week? A good incentive scheme exists for agents and they have the satisfaction of knowing that they are helping Wigan Athletic in the most positive way possible.

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Colin Burke, Secretary.

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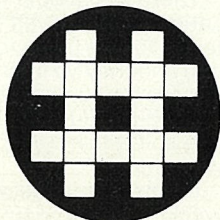
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PUZZLE PAGE



ON THE BALL No. 4

Every answer has five letters and the first one fits into the top line, but you have to decide where the rest must go.

--- Hitchens, old Villa England; Centre;
--- Miller, West Germany; Finalist's souvenir.

CLUB CLUE No. 4

Solve this cryptic clue to identify a famous foreign club:

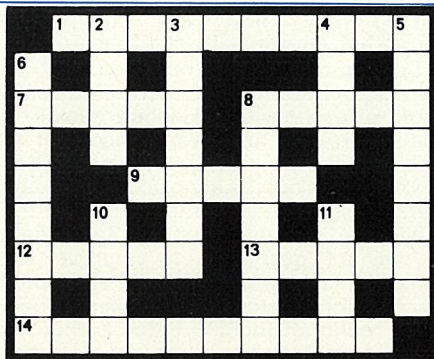
Where Kevin had meat and other rejected food.

MIXED DOUBLES No. 4

Re-order the letters in each of the words **POTTER** and **LIBRA** to find the names of two men called Andy.

QUICK QUIZ No. 4

1. What was the Giuseppe Meazza stadium formerly called?
2. The three Footballers of the Year for 1964-65-66 were called Bobby — can you identify them in order?
3. Which of the 1982 World Cup finals "minnows" came away unbeaten?
4. Which League club had 22 draws in 1981/82?
5. Which player netted five in a 1981/82 League match?



SOCCER NINETY-NINER

No. 4 (compiled by David Peck)

ACROSS

1. This midfielder with 200-odd appearances for Rotherham sounds as if he likes to indicate on a map the different ways to get there! (4,6)
7. & 8dn. For many, this industrious midfielder was the key to France's outstanding play in the World Cup finals in Spain (5, 7)
8. Despite his game, Mike had plenty of experience with Gillingham, Bristol Rovers and Plymouth before he player-managed Torquay (5)
9. The first name of commentator Harrison (5)
12. Country which lost the third-place play-off with Brazil in the 1978 World Cup finals (5)
13. Forward Bobby's main club was Colchester in the 1970s — he played and scored as many times for them as he did for Leicester, Lincoln, Barrow, Blackburn and Watford put together (5)
14. One who can get away with 6 down (10)

DOWN

3. & 3. Scorer of the only goal when the European Cup final was last played in Paris (4,7)
4. Had a result which didn't alter the points difference between the two teams involved (4)
5. Sort of foul in which the central participant has the filling knocked out of him (8)
6. Whether this is an offence or not depends on who's doing it and where (8)
8. See 7 across
10. Kurt --- appeared for Austria in the last two World Cup finals (4)
11. --- McLaren, former keeper with Dundee, Leicester, Plymouth, Wolves and Southampton (4)

Answers on page 12.



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THE LOCAL VIEW



BY GEOFF KEMP

HAVING spoken of great comebacks in this column on Tuesday night everyone seems to be trying to get in on the act!

No sooner had the exploits of Whelley in the Wigan Amateur League been compared to Latics' recent return from the dead against Bradford City than Wigan Rovers tried to out-do them both.

Playing against Atherton Collieries on Wednesday evening Rovers were trailing by two goals to nil after 85 minutes of a fiery match in which two players were sent off.

But if the first 85 minutes were fiery the final five were positively explosive, as the Wigan side slammed home three goals to run out, incredibly, 3-2 winners.

While passion certainly turned this game into a rare gem, the two sendings-off must be a disappointment to the new President of the North West Counties League in which Rovers play. He made an early season appeal for a clean-up in the League but obviously some players are still going a bit too far and have failed to take heed of Harry Heaton, the President in question.

In the Wigan Amateur League, last season's Premier Division champions Bethel are the only team in the top flight still maintaining a 100 per cent record, and it will take a very good team indeed to ruin that record after 9-0 and 4-0 victories over the past week.

The high-score champions of the week,

however, are to be found in the Youth Division of the League, where Chorley Youth hammered Standish Youth 12-1. Not far behind were Second Division Bickerstaffe who beat Comet Rangers 11-1 and also boasted the week's top individual scorer, Lee with five goals.

In the Post & Chronicle Sunday League, one side who long since forgot about the dizzy heights of scoring eleven or twelve found long-awaited success, Ince Youth, the Fourth Division side who failed to record a single win last season, had their first victory of this term at the weekend. And it was another of those comebacks I was speaking of, as Ince Youth came back from 3-2 down to defeat Coachouse 4-3.

The waiting must make the victory all the sweeter, I suppose, but there will be no complaints from the three new teams in the Wigan Under 16's League, who all picked up wins at the first time of asking last weekend. Poacher Juniors, St. Judes and Appley Bridge all won on the first day of the new season in the League.

With the Under 16's League making it's somewhat belated start to the season, the Wigan Little League has also got off the ground in impressive fashion. Organised by that hive of hyperactivity, the Comet Youth Club, eight teams of lads under the age of thirteen will be battling it out on Saturdays and Sundays until the end of the season.

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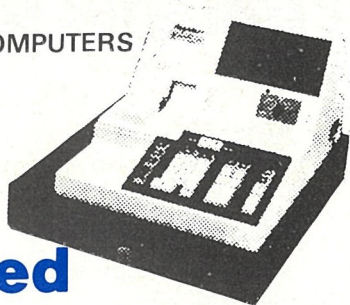
SOCCER NINETY NINER No. 4 — Across 1. Mark Rhodes, 7. & 8.dn. Alain Giresse, 8. Green, 9. Gerry, 12. Italy, 13. Svarc, 14. goalkeeper. Down: 2. & 3. Alan Kennedy (Liverpool 1981), 4. draw, 5. sandwich, 6. handing, 8. See 7 across, 10. Jara, 11. Dave. ON THE BALL No. 4 — Gerry, croxol, Hansi, medal. CLUE No. 4 — Ham-burg (grub rev), MIXED DOUBLES No. 4 — Thorpe, Blair. QUICK QUIZ No. 4 — 1. San Siro (Milan), 2. Moore/Collins/Charlton, 3. Cameroon, 4. Halifax, 5. Alan Brazil.

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What the papers say...

Daily Mirror

Nigel Smith's miss from the spot in a tense penalty shoot-out put County out of the Milk Cup, 5-4 on penalties after extra time.

Roy Tunks was Wigan's hero, making that vital save.

Les Bradd, the former Stockport striker, had given Wigan a 55th minute lead with a superb glancing header from John Butler's cross. And it looked curtains for County, who had failed to stick away their chances, particularly in the first half.

County equalised after 73 minutes. Williams was obstructed in the area and when Steve Sherlock's free kick cannoned off the wall, Terry Park fired home through a mass of bodies.

Then came the penalty drama with all five Wigan men hitting the net.

Daily Star

A great save from keeper Roy Tunks after the tie had gone to penalties saw Wigan through.

Les Bradd had headed Wigan into the lead, only for Terry Park to level it.

It was still stalemate after extra time. Then Tunks pulled off his heroic save from Nigel Smith's penalty.

Daily Express Tunks To The Rescue

Wigan 1 Stockport 1 (After extra time: Agg. 2-2) (Wigan win 5-4 on penalties). Goalkeeper Roy Tunks was Wigan's hero in a dramatic penalty shoot-out.

He pulled off a brilliant diving save from Stockport's Nigel Smith.

That was the only miss during the obligatory five penalties a side shoot-out.

It was former Stockport attacker Les Bradd who provided Wigan with a 55th minute edge, tucking home an excellent glancing header.

The Fourth Division side had enjoyed the better of the first half exchanges.

But they lacked the killer touch in front of goal and Terry Park's equaliser after 73 minutes was their first away goal this season.

What you say...

Graham Lowe of 5 Church Grove, Wigan.

The game lacked atmosphere up until the penalties. I kept losing myself in the programme during the penalties, I had no doubt as to the eventual outcome. I think Stockport can consider themselves to be unlucky on the night. Although Kevin Langley and Alex Cribble were outstanding, the rest of the lads were not at their best.

Harry McNally, Assistant Manager

I think we were very fortunate. We didn't really win, it was more

the toss of a coin. But we're through to the next round and hopefully will be able to call on a full complement for it. I think Stockport would be sick. It would be better to decide the tie or the number of corners each side had got during the game because the penalties shoot out is a terrible way of doing it. I wouldn't like to think we could play much worse than we did.

John Fillingham, of Highfield. I thought the lads were very much below par. The inclusion of a couple of inexperienced

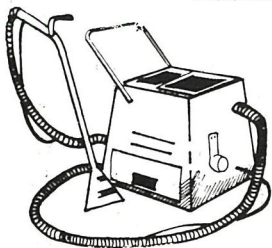
players told on the night. By no means the worst game we have played, and after all, the result was right which is what counts in cup competitions. I thought Kevin Langley was outstanding and so did everybody around me. With a bit more experience he could be the answer to our mid-field problems.

Philip McKenzie Ashton-in-Makerfield. A whole lot of rubbish, that's putting it politely. The injured will have to get fit quickly or Larry will have to look at the transfer market.

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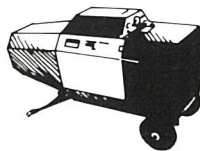
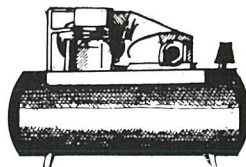
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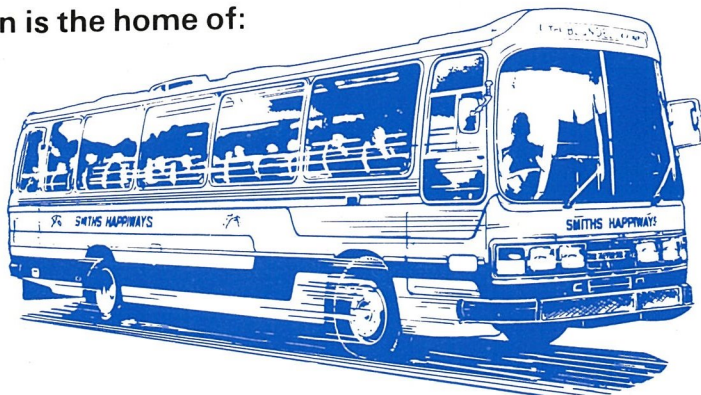
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BOURNEMOUTH were formed in the year 1899 and were then known as Boscombe F.C. In 1923, they changed their name to Bournemouth and Boscombe Athletic — quite a mouthful — in 1971 they were re-christened A.F.C. Bournemouth.

Bournemouth were elected to

Division Three (South) in 1923.

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... Front Row: Tony

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their team, directors
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both clubs being
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KENNY ALLEN (Goalkeeper) Regular first team goalkeeper who was in excellent form until he was unfortunate to break a wrist in training last October. He returned to the senior side at the end of the season. Total League apps. 134. Goals 0. League apps. 1982/82 10. Goals 0.

PHIL BRIGNULL (Defender) Took a little time to get into the AFC side but when he eventually did so he was able to hold his place with some fine performances. Brilliant in the air and his control of the centre position is largely due to his excellent ball control. Total League apps. 30. Goals 2. League apps. 1981/82 29. Goals 2.

STEVE CARTER (Winger) David Webb's last signing of the 1981/82 season who joined AFC in February. A winger with brilliant ball control and a quick thinking football brain. One of the few players who can see two or three moves ahead of the play. An asset to the forward attacking play of AFC. Total League apps. 243. Goals 24. League apps. 1981/82 15. Goals 1.

PAUL COMPTON (Defender) Another player who in 1981/82 played the majority of his games at the beginning of the season. Lost his place to Phil Brignull in late October but when called upon always gave a good account of himself and never let the side down. His strength in the air has always been a dominant feature of his displays. Total League apps. 51. Goals 0. League apps. 1981/82 20. Goals 0.

DEREK DAWKINS (Fullback) A strong tackling full back kept out of the side by the consistency of Tom Heffernan but played his part when called upon. He joined the club last summer from Mansfield and was previously with Leicester City. Total League apps. 81. Goals 0. League apps. 1981/82 5. Goals 0.

TONY FUNNELL (Forward) Signed for AFC in September 1981 from Brentford to add more goal scoring power to the forward line. Quick off the mark, his goal scoring feats remained consistent all season and he was our leading goal scorer. Began his career with Southampton. Total League apps. 125. Goals 42. League apps. 1981/82 43.

Goals 16.

TOM HEFFERNAN (Fullback) Missed only one game for AFC in the last two seasons. Last season he had probably his best year ever. Since Dave Webb converted him to the Right Back position, his performances have been superb and he has been a popular player with all supporters and players alike. Total League apps. 111. Goals 11. League apps. 1981/82 45. Goals 7.

TREVOR MORGAN (Forward) Played the first 11 consecutive League games at the beginning of the season scoring 3 goals. He was then transferred to Mansfield Town in October 1981 but was re-signed in March 1982 and played a prominent part in the promotion run-in. Total League apps. 67. Goals 17. League apps 1981/82 25. Goals 7.

BRIAN MUNDEE (Defender) After promising displays in the reserve and youth teams, Brian signed professional forms in December 1981. He has yet to make his Football League debut.

BRIAN O'DONNELL (Midfield) Another player to rejoin AFC Bournemouth after previous service. His appearances have been limited but he has played exceedingly well when selected for the side. Brian has spent the last couple of years in Australia. Total League apps. 7. Goals 0. League apps. 1981/82 7. Goals 0.

CHRIS SULLEY (Full Back) Partner to Tom Heffernan at Full Back. Chris like Tom, has developed into the full back position with ease. A skilful player whose control of the ball in tight situations has added to the stability of AFC's outstanding defence. The only 'ever present' for AFC last season. Total League apps. 54. Goals 0. League apps 1981/82 46. Goals 0.

KEITH WILLIAMS (Midfield) Keith's hard tackling has made him one of the best ball winners in the side. A player who never gives up and always seems to find that bit extra to maintain the the performance of the team. A consistent performer who has contributed to AFC success at all times. Total League apps. 169. Goals 7. League apps. 1981/82 38. Goals 1.

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STOP PRESS

It has just been reported that there will be a Prize Bingo session at the next Junior Latics meeting!! Plus lots of prizes, gifts and for one lucky member, a STAR PRIZE.

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GREAT NEWS (1)

Guess what? You won't believe it! After having a pretty serious discussion with club officials it has been decided to have a rota for players to attend future meetings of Junior Latics, just like Man. City J.B's! (who?). It's one small step for Wigan Athletic, but one giant step for Junior Latics, believe me!

GREAT NEWS (2)

Guess what? You won't believe it! After leaving our last meeting, guest Dave Dean went to Holland to take part in the European 500cc Motor Bike Championship and won. Just like that! Congratulations Dave, from all your new friends at Junior Latics.

GREAT NEWS (3)

Guess what? You won't believe it. Picca . . . no I won't tell you now. News like this is worth waiting for, but a little clue, don't make any plans for early December.

MATCHDAY MASCOT

Today's mascot is Ann-Marie Tyrer. Ann-Marie goes to St. John Fisher School. Her favourite player is David Glenn, and her hobbies are netball, swimming, roller-skating and collecting postcards.

Have a nice day Ann-Marie.

John Fillingham, Chairman.



JUNIOR LATICS



Half Time Gossip

It's very interesting to read in the local press, as well as the Liverpool Echo and Manchester Evening News, that David Glenn has an ankle injury. According to both David and the team doctor, his ankle is O.K. but it's his knee that's injured. Perhaps in future it will be safer to say "leg injury".

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We hear that new boy Steven Walsh's greatest fan has not seen him play for two years. His number one supporter is his mum, but he won't let her come and watch him. Come on, Steve, if everybody else's Mum can come, why can't yours?

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Mark Wignall is fast approaching fitness and it is hoped he will have his first run-out in next week's Central League match at Chesterfield.

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Happy Birthday Angela Birch for today, 18th September. Love from Mum and Dad and everyone at the New Amberswood Hotel, Hindley.

Happy Birthday Liz O'Neil, from Wendy Whitfield and Jackie Brookes. P.S. Sorry we couldn't afford enough wrapping paper to go round Eamon O'Keefe.

Best Wishes for a speedy recovery Helen. Come back soon, we miss you. Commercial Department Staff.

Happy 18th Birthday Julie. Keep up the good work on the Lottery. From the Commercial Department Staff.

21st Birthday Wishes to Gary Speakman, 4, St. Matthew's Close,

Highfield. "Standing on the terraces with his dad, he has been a Latics fan since he was a little lad, Supporting them through thick and thin, upset when they lose, joyful when they win, Well today, 18th of September, he is twenty-one, May success for him and Latics be plentiful for years to come. Please print this and make us glad, to say have a Wonderful Day "Son", Love from Mum and Dad."

Belated Greetings to Helen Turner who had yet another Birthday last Sunday.

DON'T FORGET This is a free service for Latics Supporters. All messages should be handed in, or 'phoned through to the Club by the Monday morning before Saturday, and the Friday morning before mid-week games. Please make your messages as short as possible.

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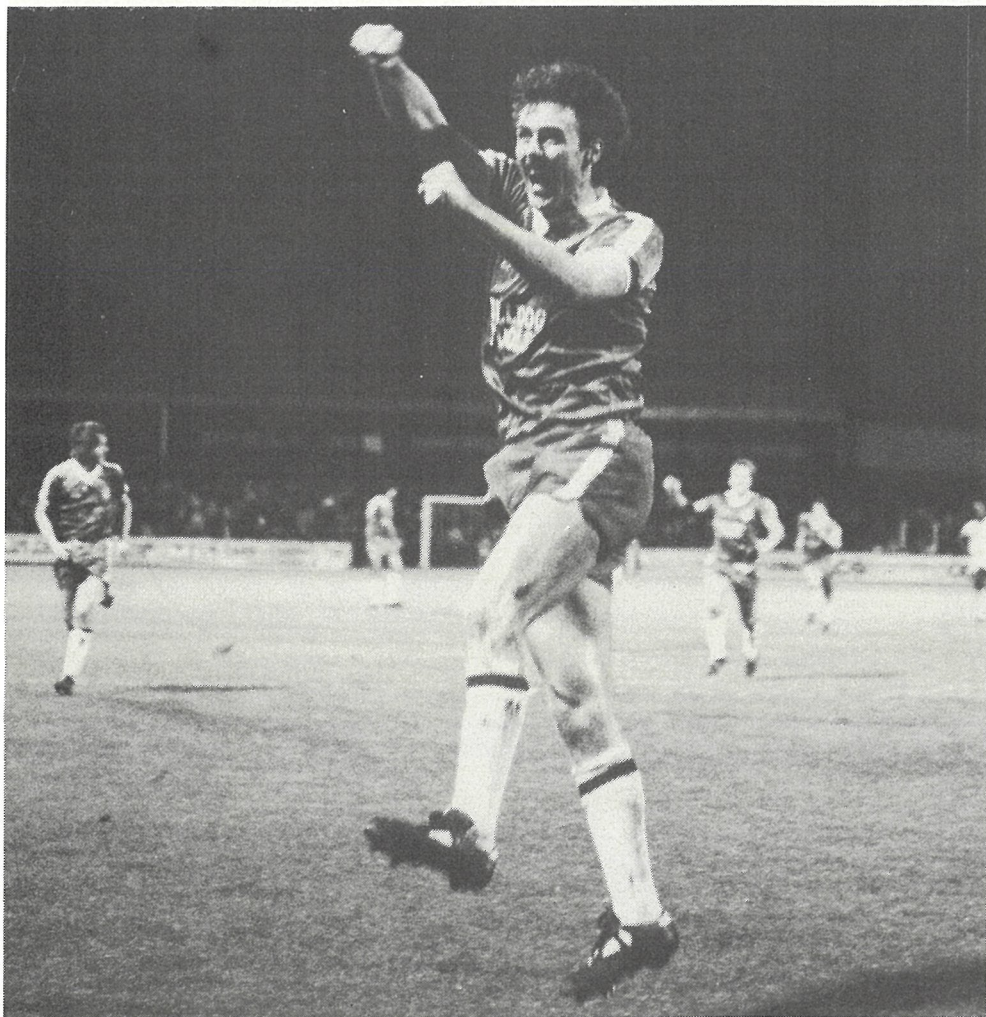
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First goal celebration against Brentford 4.9.82. Photograph by C.J. Higgins.



"My Ball" — Les Bradd (Wigan) and Paddy Roche (Brentford) photograph by C.J. Higgins.



Peter Houghton celebrates after scoring his remarkable equaliser against Bradford. Photographed by C.J. Higgins.



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Player Profile

ALEX CRIBLEY



IF you talk to any Latics supporters this season they are all agreed on one point — Alex Cribley is the most improved player of the new term. Stepping in to the centre of the defence in the absence of Larry Lloyd, he has shown himself to be a tough, skilful player with a fine footballing brain. But why has Alex left it until this year to show his true worth? "I can't explain it", he says, tongue in cheek, "Perhaps it's because I got married over the summer and the wife won't let me out!"

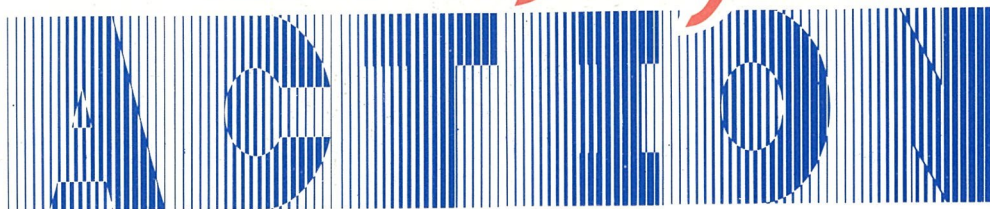
It's surprising, studying Alex's history, that he ever had time to become a professional footballer. His school in Liverpool had a great Rugby Union tradition and he played in the First XV until leaving to go to University.

He also played soccer for his Youth Club, and was spotted by Liverpool who signed him when he was 16. Rugby was not too much of a distraction then, but his university studies were. So, after several

appearances in the full Liverpool Youth side he signed "full-time" for mighty Liverpool. "I played in the Central League side", he explains "but with no sign of breaking into the first team, I decided to accept Ian McNeil's offer and came to Wigan in November of 1980". It was a move he never regretted, although early last season he was unhappy not to have a settled position. Larry Lloyd explains, "Alex is a great utility player and as such can play in several positions, and that's how we were using him last year". But by the end of the season Alex had established himself as a necessary part of the first team, wherever he was required to play.

But this cheerful Liverpoolian, one of several dressing room comedians in the Wigan camp, has no illusions, "Football is a strange game", he observes. "You can be up one moment and down the next. You just have to keep working at it and giving 110% each game". Alex is certainly doing that and the Latics are certainly glad of it.

Central League



Barnsley Res. 0 Wigan Athletic Res. 0 Wednesday, 15th September, 1982.

IN this the second game in the Central League for the Reserves, the team was once again dominated by teenagers, with only two players over 20. One was Martin New, who had a fine game in goal, and the other was a certain Larry Lloyd playing at number 5. In this, his first competitive game of the season, he showed that he has not lost his power and it was he who held the lads together for the first twenty minutes when Barnsley put us under heavy pressure. But after that initial spell, the more experienced Barnsley team was matched for effort and skill by the boys in blue and by the end, Latics were unlucky not to snatch a victory. It certainly seems that the Reserves will not be out of their depth in the new League and so far they have produced two fine performances against sides from the Second Division.

The Team

Hatton	Walsh	New	Lloyd	Conway
Shaw		Langley		Aspinall
Phillips		Lowe		Haw
Sub. Grant (for Lloyd after 80 minutes).				
Mick Clarke, Reserve Team Coach				

CENTRAL LEAGUE TEAM FIXTURES 1982-83

Sat. Aug. 28	Burnley	Won 3-0	H
Wed. Sept. 15	Barnsley	Drew 0-0	A
Tues. Sept. 21	Chesterfield		A
Tues. Sept. 28	Bradford City		H
Tues. Oct. 12	Oldham Athletic		A
Tues. Nov. 2	Burnley		A
Tues. Nov. 9	Derby County		H
Tues. Nov. 16	Rotherham United		H
Wed. Nov. 24	Nottingham Forest		A

Supporters Club

SPOTLIGHT

GOOD afternoon. We at the Supporters' Club would like to welcome the players, directors and

supporters of A.F.C. Bournemouth to Springfield Park.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

As stated previously, the A.G.M. was to have been held on the 30th September. This has now been altered to Sunday, 3rd October, at 7.30 p.m. prompt. Any member

wishing to apply to join the committee of the club should place his or her name on the relevant notice in the club.

SUPPORTERS' CLUB AWAY

What an enjoyable day at Cardiff! The committee of Cardiff City Supporters' Club really made us welcome. Hopefully we can return

the compliment when they travel to Wigan later in the season. Bookings for all away matches can be made in the Supporters' Club.

ROGERSONS JUNIOR LATICS

We would like to thank John Fillingham and his committee for the continued efforts on behalf of young people in Wigan. This can only be to the benefit of the Wigan

Athletic Supporters' Club and to the parent club. Remember, these are the future fans of Wigan Athletic! Keep up the really fine work.

ARTISTES

In the past few weeks we have had tremendous entertainment in the club. As always, the John Martin

Sound really packed them in! Due to popular demand, they will be re-appearing on Sunday, 24th October.

FORTHCOMING ENTERTAINMENT

Tonight, Saturday, 25th September.
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Player scoring bold.
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THIRD DIVISION LEAGUE TABLE

as at Wednesday, 15th September, 1982.

	Home					Away					Pts
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	
Oxford United	4	2	0	0	5	0	2	0	0	3	12
Portsmouth	4	2	0	0	7	1	1	1	0	4	10
Lincoln City	4	2	0	0	6	1	1	0	1	1	9
Bradford City	4	2	0	0	7	4	1	0	1	3	9
Brentford	4	2	0	0	9	3	0	1	1	3	7
Plymouth Argyle	4	2	0	0	3	0	0	1	1	4	7
Sheffield United	4	2	0	0	4	1	0	1	1	1	7
Bristol Rovers	4	2	0	0	4	1	0	1	1	1	7
Orient	4	1	0	1	4	1	1	0	1	2	6
Southend United	4	2	0	0	4	0	0	0	2	2	6
WIGAN ATHLETIC	4	2	0	0	6	4	0	0	2	3	6
Cardiff City	4	1	0	1	4	4	1	0	1	4	6
Newport County	4	1	1	0	3	2	0	1	1	2	5
Doncaster Rovers	4	1	1	0	6	1	0	0	2	0	5
Gillingham	4	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	3	4
A.F.C. Bournemouth	4	1	1	0	3	0	0	0	2	0	4
Wrexham	4	0	1	1	1	2	1	0	1	2	4
Reading	4	1	1	0	4	3	0	0	2	2	4
Walsall	4	1	0	1	2	4	0	1	1	2	5
Preston North End	4	1	0	1	4	4	0	0	2	2	4
Huddersfield Town	4	0	2	0	3	3	0	1	1	1	3
Millwall	4	1	0	1	2	4	0	0	2	2	4
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Comments from the Chair



GOOD afternoon, and a warm welcome to A.F.C. Bournemouth. Their manager, David Webb has done a great job for them. Bournemouth pushed the boat out last season, like ourselves, and got their just rewards.

I was sorry about the display against Stockport County on Tuesday night, but with six first team players out of the side, for one reason or another, we were lucky to get through, and now of course, we have the plum draw with my old pal Peter Swales and the Manchester City team. This is fantastic for the club and the supporters. It is something for all of us to look forward to, and the financial rewards will be very welcome.

Finally; a very warm welcome today to our friend Edwin Woodcock

who has graciously donated a sizeable cheque to the club. This will be used to improve the facilities for our disabled supporters.

Mr. Woodcock is a keen Wigan Athletic supporter. He emigrated from Wigan in the 1950's but he has watched the club's progress ever since.

Enjoy today's game.

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Freddie Pye, Chairman.



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(Royal Blue & White Stripes)

- 1 Roy Tunks
- 2 John McMahon
- 3 Jimmy Weston
- 4 Eamon O'Keefe
- 5 Alex Cribley
- 6 Colin Methven
- 7 Paul Lodge
- 8 Kevin Langley
- 9 Peter Houghton
- 10 John Rogers
- 11 John Butler
- 12 To be announced

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- 3 Chris Sulley
- 4 Brian O'Donnell
- 5 Phil Brignull
- 6 Paul Compton
- 7 Steve Carter
- 8 Keith Williams
- 9 Trevor Morgan
- 10 Tony Funnell
- 11 Brian Munde
- 12 Derek Dawkins